

REMARKS

The Examiner is thanked for the Official Action of March 23, 2005. This request for reconsideration is intended to be fully responsive thereto.

Drawings

The Examiner objected to the drawings because of erroneous labeling. The drawings have been amended to conform to the Examiner's recommendations.

Claim Objections:

Claim 6 was objected to because Applicant used the term frequency rather than wavelength. Claim 6 has been amended and the objection is now removed. The Specification has also been amended to support the claim amendment. No new matter has been added.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103

The Examiner has rejected claims 1 through 5 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being unpatentable over Aozasa in view of Chen. Applicant contends, however, that in the present application the EDF is shorter and is used to monitor the power of lights with a plurality of wavelengths on a WDM system. Therefore, the present invention is different from the prior disclosures and should be allowed.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner is thanked for his recognition of allowable subject matter in the present application. Because of the present amendment to claim 1 applicant contends that all claims are now allowable and that claim 6, based on previously rejected claim 1, should now also be allowable.

Conclusion


In view of the above, Applicant respectfully submits that each of claims 1 through 7 recites statutory subject matter that is novel and new, is subject matter of

the present invention and is fully supported in the disclosure of the present invention, and therefore respectfully requests that claims 1 through 7 be found allowable and that this application be passed to issue. No new matter has been included.

If for any reason, the Examiner determines that the application is not now in condition for allowance, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact the Applicant's undersigned attorney at the indicated telephone number to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this application.

In the event this paper has not been timely filed, the Applicant respectfully petitions for an appropriate extension of time. Any fees for such an extension, together with any additional fees that may be due with respect to this paper, may be charged to counsel's Deposit Account No. 50-2069, **referencing docket number 003-03-029.**

Respectfully submitted,

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